

In response to the Examiner's election requirement in Section 3 of the Office Action, the Applicant elects species (a), lipids, without traverse.

In response to the election requirement in Section 4, the Applicant amended the claims to refer to -- animals --. Mammals and avian have been deleted.

In response to the election requirement in Section 5, the Applicant amended claim 4 to require that the lipase is of -- animal -- origin, and deleted "mammal, avian, or plant".

In response to the election requirement in Sections 6-8, the Applicant requests that claims 5 and 6 be cancelled, but reserves the right to re-file such claims in a later co-pending divisional application.

In response to the election requirement in Sections 9 and 10, the Applicant elects species (a), avian eggs, without traverse, and deleted species (b). Applicant requests that claims 9 and 10 be cancelled, but reserves the right to re-file such claims in a later co-pending divisional application.

In response to the election requirement in the first Section 10 (requiring election between the species (a) chicken, (b) duck, (c) goose, (d) turkey, (e) pheasant, (f) quail, and (g) pigeon), Applicant requests that claims 12 and 13 be cancelled, but reserves the right to re-file such claims in a later co-pending divisional application.

In response to the election requirement in the second Section 10, Applicant elects species (a), unfractionated whole

eggs, with traverse. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the election requirement with regard to the integrity or condition of the egg from which the antibody is obtained. It is submitted that the species claimed are alternate embodiments of a single patentable invention, as opposed to patentably distinct species. In the event the Examiner favorably withdraws this election requirement as requested, the Applicant hereby reserves the right to reintroduce the non-elected species to the claims.

In response to the election requirement in Section 11, the Applicant cancelled claim 9, as indicated above. However, the Applicant reserves the right to re-file claim 9 in a later co-pending divisional application.

In response to the election requirement in Section 12, the Applicant hereby elects species (b), without traverse, in which the antibody is further processed in order to freeze dry the antibody.

In response to the election requirement in Section 13, the Applicant elects species (a), in which the antibody is further processed in order to freeze dry the antibody. This election is made with traverse, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this election requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the various further processing of the antibody, namely freeze dry, spray dry, or encapsulated, do not constitute patentably distinct species, but rather, are merely alternate embodiments of the present

invention. In the event the Examiner withdraws the election requirement as requested, the Applicant reserves the right to re-introduce spray drying or encapsulating the antibody into claim 14, or as alternate dependant claims.

In response to the election requirement under Section 14, the Applicant cancelled claims 15 and 16. However, the Applicant reserves the right to re-file claims 15 and 16 in a later co-pending divisional application.

In response to the election requirement under Section 15, the Applicant elects species (a), namely that the orally fed antibody is fed by itself as a powder form. This election is made with traverse, and the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and withdrawal of this election requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the whether the orally fed antibody is fed by itself in a powder form, in a liquid form, a compressed tablet, or other type of pill or tablet-like material, are all merely alternate embodiments of a single invention, rather than patentably distinct species. In the event the Examiner withdraws the election requirement as requested, the Applicant reserves the right to re-introduce the non-elected species to claim 18 or in alternate dependant claims.

In response to the election requirement in Section 16, the Applicant elects species (b), ready to mix. This election is made with traverse and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the election requirement. It is respectfully submitted that whether the orally fed antibody


containing material is orally fed in prepared foods that are ready to eat, ready to mix, concentrate, additives, refrigerated, or frozen, are merely alternate embodiments directed toward making the antibody containing material more palatable to the recipient, and are thus not patentably distinct from one another. In the event the Examiner withdraws this election requirement as requested, the Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the non-elected species to claim 21, or in alternate dependent claims.

In response to the election requirement of Section 17, the Applicant cancelled claims 23 and 24. However, the Applicant reserves the right to re-file claims 23 and 24 in a later co-pending divisional application.

The Applicant amended the still-pending claims to reflect these elections, as described above. The Examiner's consideration and favorable action of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested. This application has been assigned to Reductogen Ltd., a small entity. Thus, a new Small Entity Declaration is submitted herewith. A new Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address are also submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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